

United States Senate

May 15, 2009

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
The Honorable Thad Cochran, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-131, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray, Chairman
The Honorable Christopher S. Bond, Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development and Related Agencies
142 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

I am requesting congressionally directed spending in fiscal year 2010 for the following projects in New Mexico to help improve highway transportation, public transit, and housing, promote economic development and improve the quality of life.

Department of Transportation

Village of Angel Fire, NM
\$900,000 Plaza del Sol Project

Village of Angel Fire, NM
\$500,000 Recreational Green Space Project

Village of Angel Fire, NM
\$900,000 North and South Angel Fire Road Reconstruction Project

Village of Angel Fire, NM
\$1,400,000 Various Asphalt Road Improvements

City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
\$3,000,000 Extension of University Blvd to Mesa del Sol

City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
\$17,000,000 Regional East-West Trail and Bikeway Construction

City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
\$4,000,000 Purchase Hybrid Transit Vehicles

City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

\$3,000,000 Transit Facility Rehabilitation, ATC phase IV

City of Artesia, NM

\$1,500,000 Gun Range Road Reconstruction, Improved access to FLETC

City of Artesia, NM

\$2,500,000 Widening and Reconstruction of State Highway 82

City of Aztec, NM

\$2,500,000 East Aztec Arterial Route Construction

City of Belen, NM

\$4,350,000 Camino del Llano street improvements

City of Belen, NM

\$2,800,000 Commuter Rail station pedestrian crossing bridge

Bernalillo County, NM

\$10,500,000 Eubank Blvd Improvements

City of Bloomfield, NM

\$1,750,000 East Blanco Blvd and Bridge Improvements

City of Carlsbad, NM

\$3,675,000 San Jose Blvd. Improvements

City of Clovis, NM

\$5,700,000 Hull Street Overpass Reconstruction

City of Clovis, NM

\$4,350,000 Martin Luther King Blvd Improvements

Curry County, NM

\$1,000,000 Cannon AFB BRAC County Road Improvements

Doña Ana County, NM

\$900,000 Berino, Shrode, and Swannack Rd improvements

City of Eunice, NM

\$800,000 Community Green Space Project phase 2 and 4

City of Farmington, NM

\$720,000 Hood Mesa area road improvements

City of Hobbs, NM
\$9,900,000 Hobbs East Bypass Construction

City of Hobbs, NM
\$1,600,000 Hobbs Transit Intermodal Facility

Town of Hurley, NM
\$1,500,000 Hurley Street Improvements

City of Las Cruces, NM
\$3,500,000 Sonoma Ranch Blvd Extension

City of Las Cruces, NM
\$2,200,000 Airport Improvements

Los Alamos County, NM
\$2,000,000 bus/bus facilities

Los Alamos County, NM
\$4,800,000 Airport Improvements

Village of Los Lunas, NM
\$4,523,708 Intermodal Transit Center Phase II

McKinley County, NM
\$1,600,000 County Road and Bridge Improvements

McKinley County, NM
\$235,000 Zuni Mountain Trail System Improvements

Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM
\$8,600,000 Purchase four new bi-level Rail Cars for Rail Runner Commuter Rail

Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM
\$3,000,000 Construct Alameda rail siding for Rail Runner Commuter Rail

Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM
\$600,000 Construction of Second Downtown Rail Platform for Rail Runner Express

Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM
\$3,000,000 Rehabilitation of ATSF Freight Building Downtown

Mesa del Sol, Forest City Covington, LLC, Albuquerque, NM
\$3,000,000 New interchange on I25 to Serve Mesa del Sol

NMDOT, Santa Fe, New Mexico
\$2,000,000 Spaceport Road Corridor Study, Sierra and Doña Ana Counties, NM

NMDOT, Santa Fe, New Mexico
\$4,500,000 Statewide Bus/bus facilities for Commuter Choice, NM

New Mexico DOT, Santa Fe, New Mexico
\$5,000,000 Four Lane Upgrade of US 491

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
\$1,500,000 NMSU Bridge Research Center

Town of Red River, NM
\$780,000 Claim Jumper Street Improvements

Sandoval County, NM
\$8,000,000 Northwest Loop Road Construction

Sandoval County, NM
\$9,129,597 Torreon Road and Bridge 5071 Replacement

Sandoval County, NM
\$10,623,813 County Road 11 and Bridge 1784 Replacement

San Juan County, NM
\$5,200,000 County Road 3900 Improvements

San Juan County, NM
\$2,600,000 County Bridge 8105 Improvements

San Juan County, NM
\$3,250,000 County Road 7950 Improvements

Taos County, NM
\$5,000,000 Taos County Road Improvements

Taos County, NM
\$500,000 Rest Area on SR 68 in Taos County

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
\$5,500,000 International Distributed Screening System

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Acoma Community Center and Wellness Facility

Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico \$2,970,000

Construction of a community Center and Wellness Facility that will include a swimming pool, weightlifting facility, gymnasium, aerobics room, community meeting rooms, and office space. The facility and the services it will provide are in the taxpayers' interest. The new facility will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Acoma Sky City Historic Buildings Emergency Repair and Renovation Program

Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico, \$351,000

Emergency repair to tribal structures. Preservation of these structures protects the health and safety of the citizens in the taxpayers' interest. The repair and renovation program will eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Amalia Community Center

City of Amalia, Amalia, New Mexico, \$450,000

Complete interior construction of the community center. Currently, the exterior structure has been completed but the interior is unfinished and unusable. The community center and the services it will provide are in the taxpayers' interest. The facility will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Angel Fire Ladder Truck

City of Angel Fire, Angel Fire, New Mexico, \$800,000

Purchase of a ladder truck to provide critical support during multi-story fires in the Enchanted Circle region of New Mexico. The protection of the health and safety of the population is in the taxpayers' interest. The ladder truck would eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

At Risk Youth Intervention and After School Program

City of Las Cruces, Las Cruces, New Mexico, \$1,000,000

The City will provide tutoring, remedial education, and employability skills training for at-risk youth who are not succeeding in the educational system and need additional assistance to become independent. The services provided are in the taxpayers' interest. The program will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Bernalillo Senior Citizens Center

Bernalillo, New Mexico, \$3,750,000

Construction of a senior citizens center in the Town of Bernalillo. The senior citizens center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Center for Applied Science and Engineering Facility

Center for Applied Science and Engineering Facility, Santa Fe, New Mexico, \$11,752,048

Site acquisition, design, and construction of a facility to house private and public sector research activities with a goal of producing new solutions to the energy and climate challenges as well as work in areas such as healthcare, water resources, the economy, and education. The work produced by CASE would be in the taxpayers' interest. The facility would alleviate the physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating or declining tax base.

City of Las Vegas Downtown Revitalization Project

City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, New Mexico, \$9,000,000

Construction of a new City Hall to house all municipality offices and the offices of the Mayor and City Council. The facility and the services it will provide are in the taxpayers' interest. The new City Hall will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission, \$1,240,000

Purchase and installation of railroad ties, anchors, and other track materials for the continued and improved operation of the railroad. The increased tourism and job creation involved with the railroad project are in the taxpayers' interest. The railroad project involves the restoration and preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural, or esthetic reasons.

David F. Cargo el Valle de Anton Chico Library

David F. Cargo el Valle de Anton Chico Library, Anton Chico, NM, \$150,000

For the construction and equipment for a community library. The educational benefits of the library are in the public interests. The library will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Eastern Navajo Wellness Center

Navajo Technical College, Crownpoint, New Mexico, \$6,050,000

Construction of a regional health center located on the campus of the Navajo Technical College which will include a gymnasium, three classrooms, weight lifting area, computer labs, and small auditorium in the taxpayers' interest.

The center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Gallup Affordable Housing Development

Community Area Resource Enterprise (CARE 66), Gallup, NM, \$500,000

Development of up to 60 units of affordable housing in Gallup, NM to include the rehabilitation of two old hotels to serve as transitional housing for homeless veterans and permanent and transitional housing for low income and homeless individuals in the public interest. The housing will eliminate slums and blight and the prevention of blighting influences and the deterioration of property and neighborhood and community facilities of importance to the welfare of the community, principally persons of low and moderate income.

Ifield Warehouse Business Incubator

Santa Rosa, New Mexico, \$1,300,000

Construction of a facility to serve as an anchor for the downtown central business district. The city will utilize the building to house specialty businesses. The building will alleviate physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating or declining tax base.

Isleta Pueblo Tribal Services Complex

Isleta Pueblo, Isleta, New Mexico, \$500,000

Construction of the Tribal Services Complex to consolidate and house the Tribal and Appellate courts, Wellness Center, Tribal Administration and Council offices, fire and police departments. The consolidation and improved facilities are in the taxpayers' interest. The new complex will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Las Cruces Natural History and Railroads Museum

City of Las Cruces, Local, \$2,000,000

Renovation of existing facilities including ADA compliance and other updates to the facility and display areas of the museum. The educational opportunities afforded to the area through the work of the museum is in the taxpayers' interest. The museum assists with the expansion and improvement of the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Las Cruces City Park Enhancements

City of Las Cruces, Las Cruces, New Mexico, \$1,500,000

Construction and renovation of city parks and ball fields to support the city's youth sports teams. The improved parks and the service they provide to the city are in the taxpayers' interest. The parks would expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Lea County emergency Operations Center

Lea County, Lovington, New Mexico, \$3,800,000

Construction of an emergency operations center to house a secure 24-hour 911 center for the entire county as well as a "war room" with all necessary strategic tools essential to manage a disaster control and relief efforts and a fire station. The protection of public health and safety made possible by this facility is in the taxpayers' interest. The facility will eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Luna County Community Recreation Facility

Luna County, Deming, New Mexico, \$410,000

Renovation of the old Pepsi building to house dedicated youth activities, practice space, and community meeting rooms. The Pepsi building is one of the premiere examples of the art deco style in the area and is a core of the Main Street Revitalization project. The community center facility involves the restoration and preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural, or esthetic reasons.

Magdalena Dorm Abatement and Removal

Village of Magdalena, Magdalena, New Mexico, \$1,300,000

Asbestos abatement and removal of the old BIA dorms in Magdalena, New Mexico in order to make room for new economic development initiatives and area revitalization. The asbestos and resultant health improvement is in the taxpayers' interest. The abatement and removal will eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Multi-use Facility at Roosevelt County Fairgrounds

Roosevelt County, Portales, New Mexico, \$4,599,000

Construction of a multi-use facility on the Roosevelt County fairgrounds to house trade shows, equestrian events, training seminars, and fairs. The improvements and the business they would attract are in the taxpayers' interest. The renovation would help to alleviate physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating or declining tax base.

Navajo Nation Judicial Complex

Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona, \$2,000,000

Construction of a judicial complex to house the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, administrative services, and conference rooms. The judicial services conducted by the Court and construction of a safe, suitable complex are in the taxpayers' interest.

Construction of the judicial complex will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park

San Miguel County, Las Vegas, New Mexico, \$1,904,210

To complete extensive improvements to the Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park, including upgrades to fire protection lines, drainage, liquid waste disposal, and completion of an existing railroad spur in the taxpayers' interest. The new facility will alleviate of physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating or declining tax base.

Plaza del Sol

Village of Angel Fire, Angel Fire, NM, \$900,000

Construction of three solar arrays and a solar trail to provide energy supplies to the Angel Fire city center known as Plaza del Sol. The plaza improvements and renewable energy plans are in the taxpayers' interest. The plaza is a more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and other needed activity centers.

Pueblo of Pojoaque Wellness Center

Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pojoaque, NM, \$1,000,000

Planning, design, and construction of a study/tutoring library facility and Teen Center within the existing Wellness Center in the public interest. The expansion of the Wellness Center to include more youth activities will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Pine Hill Health Center and Head Start

Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., Pine Hill, New Mexico, \$230,000

Renovation of the existing Pine Hill Health Center including new heating and cooling systems, upgrades to the electrical system and new alarm system and other improvements necessary to remedy code violations in the taxpayers' interest.

The abatement and removal will eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Red River Fire Truck

City of Red River, Red River, NM, \$450,000

Final payment for a ladder truck to supplement the available equipment for residential, commercial, and structural fire fighting and safety within the Town of Red River and surrounding areas. The safety of the community is in the taxpayers' interest.

The facility will eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Red River Library Revitalization

City of Red River, Red River, NM, \$2,100,000

To refurbish the Red River library and construct a new Visitor's & Economic Development Center with public meeting rooms. The senior center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Renovation of Burke Junior High School

City of Jal, Jal, New Mexico, \$500,000

Replacement of the roof, windows, doors, plumbing and electrical systems in order to make the building suitable to house small business ventures in the area including those associated with the LES facility locating in the area. The associated businesses and jobs are in the taxpayers' interest. The renovation would help to alleviate physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating or declining tax base.

Renovation of the Trolley Building at New Mexico Highlands University

New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, \$7,426,800

Renovation of the Las Vegas railroad & Power Co. trolley building to serve as a Media Arts building for New Mexico Highlands University. The building will contain class rooms, technical space and performance areas. The educational opportunities that the building will house are in the taxpayers' interest. The trolley building renovation facility involves the restoration and preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural, or esthetic reasons.

Santa Ana Pueblo Community Health, Wellness, and Education Center

Pueblo of Santa Ana, Santa Ana, New Mexico, \$1,000,000

Construct and equip a facility to accommodate up to 700 people at any one time and provide educational and cultural facility, gymnasium, swimming pool, and exercise facilities in the taxpayers' interest. The center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Santa Fe Indian School Wellness Center

Santa Fe Indian School, Santa Fe, New Mexico, \$5,500,000

Complete construction of a gymnasium and health facility to address health issues such as diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure within the Native American community in the taxpayers' interest. The center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Shiprock Branch Library Expansion

City of Farmington, Shiprock, New Mexico, \$1,060,000

Construction of a Shiprock Branch Library to serve the Four Corners and Navajo Nation area. The library would provide study, tutoring, and internet services in the taxpayers' interest. The library would expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Spaceport America Cultural Preservation Initiative

Spaceport America, Las Cruces, New Mexico, \$600,000

Establishment of a cultural preservation program which will include environmental impact mitigation, cultural resource data recovery, and conservation of El Camino Real artifacts in the taxpayers' interest.

Spanish and Mexican Community Land Grant Support Program

Statewide/New Mexico Land Grant Council, Santa Fe, NM, \$750,000

Establishes the Spanish and Mexican Community Land Grant Support Project to provide training and technical support to Spanish and Mexican community land grants in programmatic, technology, communications, and infrastructure in the public interest. The funds would be used to work towards a more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and other needed activity centers.

**State of New Mexico Transitions and Linkages Supportive Housing for
Transitioning Youth and Adults with Serious Mental Illness**

State of New Mexico, Santa Fe, New Mexico, \$2,000,000

The State of New Mexico will use the funds to provide grants to programs serving homeless and high risk youth in order to serve a greater number of youth by providing safe living conditions and counseling services. These services are in the taxpayers' interest. The program will eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Vietnam Veterans National Memorial State Park

State of New Mexico, Angel Fire, New Mexico, \$1,000,000

To improve the visitor Center/ Museum at Vietnam Veteran memorial State Park in Angel Fire, NM which would include new connections and partnerships with the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Washington, DC in the taxpayers' interest. The updates would eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities.

Village of Tijeras Senior Center

Village of Tijeras, Tijeras, New Mexico, \$1,000,000

Construction of the final phase of the Village of Tijeras' Senior Center which will include a fitness center, arts and crafts area, computer lab, administrative office, billiard room, restroom facilities and community rooms. Such a facility is in the taxpayers' interest to provide for the community. The senior center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area,

Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District, Los Lunas, New Mexico, \$1,215,000

Construction of an education and visitor center and a teaching lab and the acquisition of a wind turbine for power supply at the visitor center and teaching lab. The educational benefits of the center are in the taxpayers' interest. The conservation area will lead to a more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and other needed activity centers.

Xeriscape Council of New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico, \$2,450,000

Purchase of land and construction of an office and training center for the National Water Conservation Center which will serve as a central source for conservation information, education and training. The center will for a more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and other needed activity centers.

YWCA Northwest Community Center

City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, \$250,000

Construction of a community fitness and wellness center that will include a teen and multi-media center, gymnasium, multi-use swimming pool, childcare area, aerobics room and community multi-purpose room. The center will expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested below, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator